should be instructed to reserve a certain number of appointments in the ministerial and menial service of the State for the members of the community.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

145. Appointment of qualified Mahomedans in the Public Service.

Mr. Shaik Mahomed Hamidani Thangal (Member, Nominated) said that, while the Mahomedan community was grateful to the Government for the several boons conferred on them, he had to repeat his representation for the entertainment of qualified members of the community more largely in the various public departments. He also requested that a Mahomedan Judge should be appointed to the High Court. There was no qualified person in the community available for the place in Travancore. He suggested that one should be found from outside and appointed as a Judge at Trivandrum.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

146. The need for appointing the Pulayas in the Lower ranks of the Service and a Pulaya Member to the Assembly from the Kottayam Division.

Mr. T. Chothi (Member, Nominated) said that, among the Pulayas, there were men who knew how to read and write Malayalam, and he requested that they might be entertained in the lower ranks of the service, in departments where they could possibly be taken. He requested also that a Pulaya Member, to be nominated by the Secretary of the Sadhu Jana Paripalana Sangham, might be appointed as a Member of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly from the Kottayam Division also.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

147. The disabilities of the Pariahs of Nanjanad.

Mr. P. Arumanayagom (Member, Nominated) said that, in Nanjanad, the Pariahs were the chief tillers of the soil and the condition of agriculture there greatly depended on them. They had no lands of their own, but they worked for others for wages, and were, therefore, very poor. They lived in congested areas where there was no scope for expansion. There were certain *poramboke* lands in close proximity to their dwellings, which were not of much use to others or for any purposes of the Government. He requested that steps might be taken to register them in the names of the Pariahs, in consultation with the Dewan Peishkar.

There were certain lanes, canals and lands by the side of the paddy lands in which they worked, and they constituted the roads for them and their cattle. During the rains, those lanes and canals would be wholly under water. He requested that a few village roads might be constructed for their use, also in consultation with the Dewan Peishkar.

Even for agriculture and petty trade in which the community was engaged, some education was necessary. He requested that they might be taught Tamil up to Class VII, and that the Pariah boys and girls be exempted from the payment of school fees up to Form V.

With the removal of the temporary dispensary at Thadikarankonam, the people of the places between Suralakode and Kadukkara suffered much for want of medical aid. They had at present to go to Bhuthapandy for the purpose. The places were unhealthy during the monsoons. He, therefore, prayed for the opening of a dispensary at a central place in the locality.

Dewan's reply.—The Peishkar of the Division will be called on to report no the whole question.

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